



Arkansas Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2015 November Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Record Soybean Yield Forecast for the State Sorghum and Soybean Production Up from Last Year Corn, Cotton, and Rice Production Down from Last Year

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 80.9 million bushels, up 1 percent from October 1 forecast but down 18 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of November 1, yield is expected to average 186 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month but down 1 bushel from last year. Producers expect to harvest 435,000 acres of corn for grain, down 95,000 acres from 2014.

All **cotton** production is forecast at 480,000 bales, down 40,000 bales from the October 1 forecast and 307,000 bales below last year. Yield is expected to average 1,124 pounds per harvested acre, down 94 pounds from last month and down 21 pounds from 2014. Harvested acreage is estimated at 205,000 acres, down 125,000 acres from 2014.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 95.9 million hundredweight, unchanged from the October 1 forecast and down 14 percent from last year's production of 112 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of November 1, the all rice yield for 2015 is forecast at 7,400 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month but down 160 pounds from last year's record yield. Producers expect to harvest 1.3 million acres of rice, down 184,000 acres from 2014.

Sorghum for grain production in 2015 is forecast at 43 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but up 169 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 100 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 3 bushels from 2014. Harvested acreage is estimated at 430,000 acres, up 265,000 acres from 2014.

Soybean production in 2015 is forecast at 161 million bushels, down 2 percent from last month's forecast but up 2 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 51 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month but up 1.5 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be a new record yield for the state. Area for harvest, at 3.16 million acres, is down 40,000 acres from 2014.

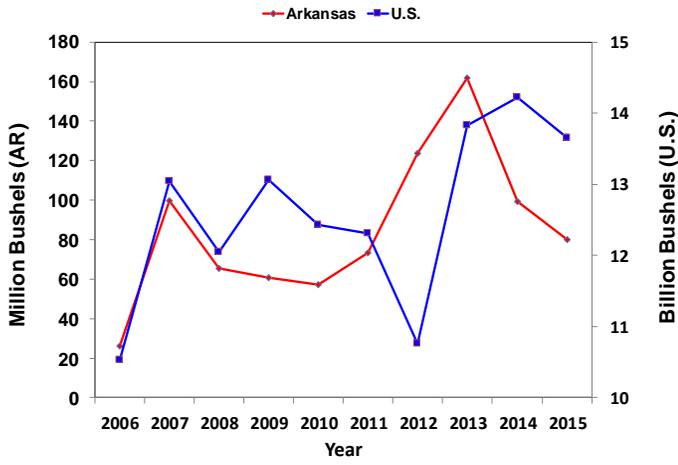
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2014 and Forecasted November 1, 2015

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Per Acre</i>		<i>1,000 Units</i>	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	530	435	187	186	99,110	80,910
Cotton, All	¹	330	205	1,145	1,124	787	480
Rice, All	²	1,480	1,296	7,560	7,400	111,957	95,904
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	165	430	97	100	16,005	43,000
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	3,200	3,160	49.5	51.0	158,400	161,160
United States							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	83,136	83,664	171.0	169.3	14,215,532	13,653,507
Cotton, All	¹	9,346.8	8,149.3	838	782	16,319.4	13,281.0
Rice, All	²	2,919	2,570	7,572	7,423	221,035	190,770
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	6,401	7,645	67.6	77.7	432,575	593,807
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	82,591	82,429	47.5	48.3	3,927,090	3,981,337

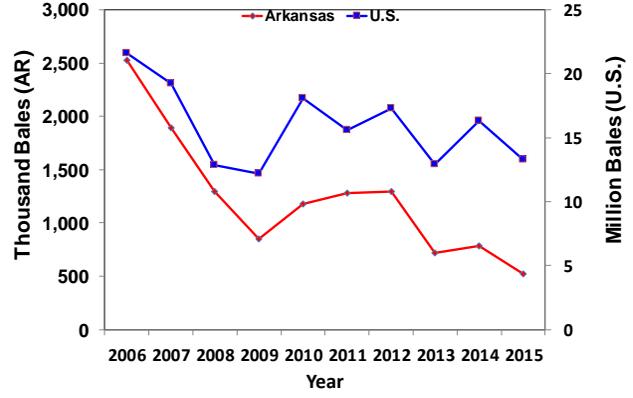
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

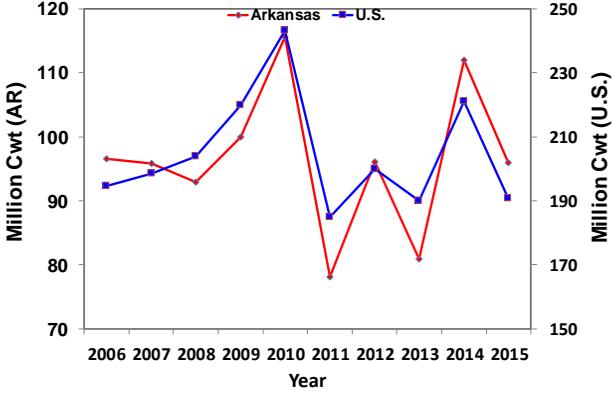
Corn: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



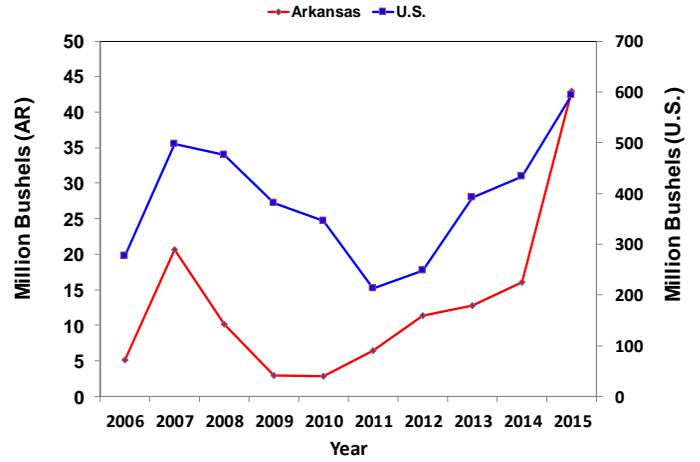
Cotton: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



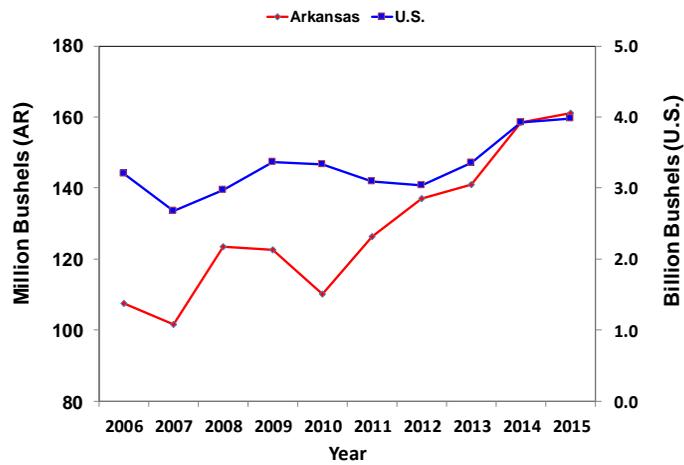
Rice: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



Sorghum: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



Soybean: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2015 as of November 1, 2015.